

APRIL 2009

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

1. On "cross-bearing" and "growing pains" here at FCLC...

In my sermon March 14th and 15th, I commented on the previous week's headlines; *"Most denominations losing ground, according to recent studies."* I mentioned that this has certainly been true for the ELCA. But here's the good news; FCLC is growing and this year has been especially strong! Wednesday Lenten services are way up over last year and the 11:00am service each weekend has been consistently around 300 in attendance. Church studies indicate that anytime you are over 80% full in worship, it's a deterrent for visitors. Makes sense to me - I know that Cindy and I avoid going back to restaurants where it is so crowded that it is hard to find parking and seating.

So...we knew this day would probably come; we need to think and pray about going to **Three Sunday morning services this Fall**. I know...it's not ideal. It's more work for a lot of us...especially me...but maybe it's a tiny example of the "cross-bearing" and "self-denial" that Jesus speaks of in the Gospels. *How else do we make room for our Sunday morning ministry to grow...without embarking in another building project...in a bad economy?* Quite frankly, most "large churches" have three services on Sunday mornings - I knew nothing but that with **my dad's church** the whole time I was growing up. We had three Sunday School hours too! It wasn't ideal, but you know what? We were blessed with the 5th largest Lutheran Church in the state! It was an exciting, vibrant ministry.

So...what might this look like for us? Redeemer Lutheran in Ft. Collins has services at 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am, with Sunday School at 9:30am. It works, and they have a vibrant Sunday School. But you know what? We tried that here for several years in the mid-90's, and eventually we backed off because that middle service makes it so tempting for families to just come for one hour - kids to Sunday school and parents to worship while we really want to emphasis BOTH worship and education.

Personally, I would prefer to have a "dedicated" education time, and I believe it's possible with a **15 minute "sacrifice"** from all of us. What if we were to move our current schedule 15 minutes later; moving the 8:30am worship to 8:45am, the 9:45am edu-

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cation time to 10:00am, the 11:00am worship to 11:15am...ADDING a new 45 minute early service at 7:45am? I know that sounds EARLY, but you know what? Up until just three years ago, this church ALWAYS had an 8:00am service. Again, this would be a "15 minute sacrifice" for those who have had a history of worshipping at 8:00am.

Here's what I believe we would end up with; about 75 worshipers on Saturdays at 5:30pm; about 75 worshipers at the 7:45am service; about 250 at our 8:45am service, and about 250 at our 11:15am service. Guess what that adds up to? That is potentially about 650 worshipers per weekend, while our current average is 550. Wow...that opens a lot of opportunity for worship growth....without starting another building campaign. Indeed, if the Saturday Service were to grow to 100 worshipers and 7:45am grow to 100 worshipers and 8:45am grow to 300 worshipers and 11:15am grow to 300 worshipers; that's 800 worshipers per weekend...all without spending a dime. Yeah! Thanks for your prayers as we seek God's will in all of this.

2. On our recent new member group...

While a number of people indicated to me that the timing of this most recent new member group would not work for them, nevertheless, we were excited to welcome 10 new households into our church family March 15th! Many thanks to our staff, council and all who helped with the orientation and luncheon that Sunday. We are honored that God has entrusted to us all these new brothers and sisters in Christ as we work together for the kingdom of God.

3. On our Lenten season and Holy Week...

Wow...we have been blessed! The accolades keep flowing in from people who have felt particularly touched by our Wednesday Lenten services at 4:30pm and 7:00pm. The music, the messages, the dramas, and the soup suppers have been just outstanding!

We are extremely excited once again to have Wayne and Kaydene Hubert, and team in charge of our popular Passover Seder Meal at 6:00pm on Maundy Thursday - a worship experience and meal that truly takes us back to the Old Testament roots of our Lord's last supper. (*Confirmation students must attend at least once during their Confirmation years!*) Similarly, we look forward to the powerful music and message of our Good Friday Service - which calls our attention to the Passion of Christ poured out on the cross.

4. On our Stewardship...

Truly, a tough economy tests our priorities and it takes a lot of faith to give in the midst of economic uncertainty, but thanks so much for your faithfulness! *The beauty of Biblical practice of "first-fruits giving"*

is that it meets us where we are at; with percentage giving - as income increases, giving proportionately increases and as income decreases, giving proportionately decreases. In the ups and downs of life, we try to put "first things first" and trust that God will provide. We hope that our "first-fruits" giving as a congregation through the years has provided a positive example for each of you to know and believe that God is faithful when we put "first things first" in our giving of time and talents and treasure. Try it - it works! God is faithful to provide for our needs when we place our trust in Him. Please take time to fill out the Time and Talent survey found later in this edition of the Faith Communicator.

5. On our "pastoral care" team after Bruce...

Although Pastor Bruce will be deeply missed from our staff and our preaching schedule after Easter, we are so thrilled with his plans to be an "active" member of our church, continuing to teach Sunday School and lead the Wednesday morning men's Bible study.

As I mentioned in the February newsletter; *"I want you to know that I am totally at peace with this and I have all the faith in the world that God will continue to provide for our staff needs. As you know, we have just approved a new budget for this year, so we do not anticipate any dramatic staff changes. This year will be a time of discernment as we prayerfully assess our long range staff needs. I expect to preach more often, but I'm comfortable with that. Additionally, we have an outstanding team of Stephen ministers who are eager to provide pastoral care for our members and friends."*

Additionally, retired pastors Michael O'Grady, and Todd and Tyger Penson have indicated their eagerness to help, so beginning right after Easter we will have a "Pastoral Team" of five; Michael, Todd, Tyger, Ed, and myself. We are confident that in partnership with our Stephen Ministers, we will be able to provide quality pastoral care and worship for our congregation. The five of us will be assisting with Holy Communion and greeting visitors, and Pastor Bruce's former office will be available for private conversations and counseling for the Pastoral Team and our Stephen Ministers.

*Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan*

*The Communicator***HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE****Palm Sunday, April 5**8:30am **WORSHIP**

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am **WORSHIP****Wednesday, April 8**

NO Confirmation Classes, WNL, The Fill

**Maundy Thursday, April 9**

6:00pm—7:30pm Seder Dinner

Good Friday, April 107:00pm Tennebrae **WORSHIP****Saturday, April 11****NO** Saturday Night Worship**EASTER SUNDAY****7:30am**

8:00am - 11:00am

WORSHIP

Breakfast

9:15am

9:15am - 10:15am

WORSHIPEaster Extravaganza
Sunday School**11:00am****WORSHIP**

Easter Breakfast is sponsored by our Workcampers. There is a free will offering. Please support this wonderful ministry!

Easter Extravaganza Sunday School is for three years old through fifth grade, come join us in Room 126 during the 9:15am church service for this mighty special event on Easter Sunday! Hear the Easter Bible story! Create a unique Easter craft! Play some Easter games!

STEWARDSHIP

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**FCLC Finances
(through 2/28/2009)**

General Offerings:	\$127,462
Budget:	\$148,962
Expenses:	\$122,007
Mortgage Balance:	\$822,078

All about Administration...**ABOUT.....FCLC'S ENDOWMENT FUND -
June Applications**

The Endowment Fund committee will be accepting requests in June for funds that will be distributed in July. If you have a need, applications will be in the church office. FCLC's Endowment Fund was established for the purpose of enhancing and extending the life and mission of the congregation through support of domestic and foreign missions; scholarships; professional staff for special services; community projects; and building expansion or improvements. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the endowment fund, you can call or email me or any of the endowment board members. The current members are: Roger Olsen, John Meier, Mitch Carson, Karla Irvin, and Craig Chaney.

**ABOUT..... "SIMPLY GIVING" -
Credit Card Giving**

DID YOU KNOW? You can donate to FCLC on a recurring ba-

sis using your credit card. Contact me or the church office for more details.

**ABOUT.....WORKSHOPS THROUGH
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS**

The Stewardship committee will soon be offering some workshops through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans on financial management. Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for more information on these educational opportunities.

**ABOUT.....THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
NEEDS YOU!!**

The Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to join our committee. We would love to have some new members and ideas! If interested, you can contact me, or our Stewardship Chair, Tom Kramer.

Blessings from Susan
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



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EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 12, 9:15am -10:15 am

If you are 3 years old through fifth grade, come join us in Room 126 during the 9:15am church service, for this mighty special event on Easter Sunday! Hear the Easter Bible story! Create a unique Easter craft! Play some Easter games!

NEW COUPLE'S BIBLE STUDY

Did you see the movie, *Fireproof*? Are you interested in participating in a Couples' Bible Study based on the movie? Join us as we view the movie on Saturday, May 16, 6:30pm - 8:30pm and schedule summer Bible Study sessions that night. Contact nanette@fcllc.org before May 9th, if babysitting is needed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Confirmation Weekend 2009 is May 2nd - 3rd. Questioning, Faith Statements and Reception will be held on May 2nd at 7:00pm. The congregation is invited! The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 11:00am service on May 3rd.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE MEMORY VERSES FOR APRIL

"Your Word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

"The grass dies and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God will live forever." Isaiah 40:8

Water Works Park! Vacation Bible School

July 13th, 14th and 15th
9:00am - 11:30 am

The One-and-Only VBS Planning Meeting will be Monday, June 8th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm. **WE NEED YOU!**

SUMMER OF GIFTS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Yes, it is only April...but plans are already in the works for the *4th Annual Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School*. Why, it's becoming a tradition! But we need YOU!

*You pick the topic.
You pick the class size and age group.
You pick the Sunday.*

Do you have a hobby, special talent, or occupation which you would be willing to teach/share with others (of any age group) for 1 hour, 1 Sunday morning during June, July or August?

We will help you tie it back to the Bible. Last year we were able to offer 71 classes because of some amazing volunteers! Please contact Nanette at nanette@fcllc.org by April 15th to volunteer.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ The Sunday School offering during the months of January and February went to purchase blankets for children around the world. Offerings collected purchased 13 blankets through Church World Services!
- ♦ The Sunday School offering money also sponsors a Compassion child in Thailand, Thepmanee Thepnakorn or as we call him, "Guy"!
- ♦ The Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School classes have packed up and prayed for over 103 Care Packages for FCLC college students, delivered four times during the school year! You should see their assembly line!

Way to go, kids!

BONFILS  BLOOD CENTER

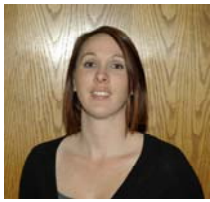
Blood Drive
Sunday, April 19th
8:30am - 12:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Contact Mary Konicek at marylarrykids@aol.com to sign up.

Got Questions?

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OUTREACH NEWS



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OUTREACH FAIR IS HERE!

Now is your chance to meet all of our Outreach Ministry Partners. The FCLC Annual Outreach Fair will be held:

Saturday, April 25th from 5:30pm-7:00pm
and

Sunday, April 26th from 8:00am-1:00pm

This event will be held in the *Fellowship Hall* and each of our partners will have a booth set up for you to collect information. We encourage you to mingle and become familiar with what our "First Fruit" donations are used for, as well as what local projects our church is involved with. This year we have invited over 40 organizations! We hope you can make it!



HOPE SACK LUNCHES



HOPE Sack Lunches for the Homeless - FCLC has been providing sack lunches for some of the homeless of Longmont every 3rd Sunday of each month. This has proven to be a simple and rewarding way to reach out to those in need right here in our own community! If your family, small group, or just you individually would like to help with this amazing ministry, we need you! We are looking for volunteers to assemble the lunches every 3rd Sunday throughout 2009. You don't even have to do the grocery shopping or delivering!! We will do it for you! If you are interested in helping, please contact LaRae Schaff at 303-772-8385 or schaffs2003@yahoo.com.

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Are you considering serving the Lord by going into the Seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has a fund set up to support students attending Seminary. Please contact Kimberly Scruggs at kim.scruggs@hotmail.com if you are interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement.

KIDS HOPE USA

building caring relationships...

*one Child
one Hour
one Church
one School*



KHUSA is a national mentoring program which was launched in 1993. Currently it is active in over 350 Church/School partnerships in 27 states. FCLC Outreach is pleased to announce that Sanborn Elementary School is eager to partner with us in this endeavor to make a difference in the life of a child. The following is a list of partnerships already active in the St. Vrain Valley School District:

1. Central Presbyterian Church and Northridge Elementary
2. First United Methodist Church and Spangler Elementary
3. Front Range Christian Fellowship and Rocky Mountain Elementary
4. Longmont Church of the Nazarene and Mountain View Elementary
5. Rinn United Methodist Church and Legacy Elementary
6. Rocky Mountain Christian Church and Indian Peaks Elementary
7. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Burlington Elementary

"The Kids Hope program is very successful. The preparation and training that the mentors receive seems thorough and professional and they collaborate well with the schools to meet student needs. I have wished that Kids Hope was available to middle and high schools as well."

Karen Green -SVVSD, Coordinator of Student Empowerment Programs

More information is available on the Outreach table in the narthex or at www.kidshopeusa.org. Be sure to look for the KHUSA display table during the Outreach Fair on April 25th and 26th.

DIRECTOR POSITION

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for the part-time Director position of Kids Hope USA. All applications will be prayerfully considered.

OUTREACH NEWS—cont

Thank YOU!

FOR SUPPORTING THE OUR CENTER!

Thank you to all those who participated in the weekly food drive in February. FCLC donated 335lbs of non perishable food and personal care items to the OUR Center. Also, a BIG Thank YOU goes out to *Gary & Gloria Borchert, Sherry Chaney, Pete & Sandy Seale, Kimberly Scruggs, and the Irvin Family* for preparing and serving lunch to 119 people in need at the OUR Center on Sunday, February 22nd. This would not have been successful without you! A special thank you goes out to *Karla and Michael Irvin* for leading this local Outreach project. Our next lunch is planned for May 2nd, 2009. Please contact Tami Musfeldt if you are interested in helping with a future lunch. Tami's email address is tami.m@comcast.net.

Thank YOU!

HELPING OUT HABITAT

A BIG thank you goes out to Curt Musfeldt, Ralph Musfeldt, Marv Heimbichner, Ewald Schelert, Scott Francis, Ed Smith, Todd Williams, and Peter Raemer who volunteered their time to help with the Habitat project on March 14th. We had eight people volunteer their *entire* Saturday to help with interior trim work and drywall of a home in the Shadowgrass Community in North East Longmont. FCLC Outreach was also in charge of serving lunch to the volunteer workers where we had Chris Goble, Veta Hartman, Donna Smith, Kim Rinehart, Erin Ciccone, Kathe Schelert, Marilyn Jackson, Annie Mount, Kayla Smith, Duane Sharp and Pat Sharp help out by premaking and serving the delicious turkey lunch. Ron and Donna Wormke roasted a turkey for this...what a treat! This local outreach project would not have been successful without the commitment and dedication of all the volunteers. A special thanks goes out to *Veta Hartman for organizing the lunch and Curt Musfeldt for organizing the workday.* If you are interested in participating in future Habitat projects (June 6th and September 19th), please contact Veta Hartman at hartmanv@comcast.net or Curt Musfeldt at cmusfeld@qualcomm.com.

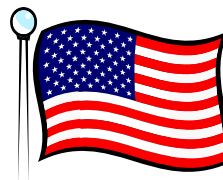
GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need. It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it at any time (*designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"*). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller at susan@fclc.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT MAY 17th

Are you looking for an Outreach Project that you can do with your kids? The Outreach Committee is looking into some possibilities of working with Grace Lutheran Church in Boulder to help provide food for the "Kids Against Hunger" program. The Kids Against Hunger organization's mission is to help feed starving children throughout the world, including the USA. More information can be found at www.feedingchildren.org. If you would be interested in this, please contact Tami Musfeldt at tami.m@comcast.net.

Serving God and Our Country

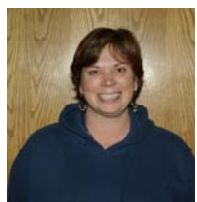


Faith Community would like to *HONOR* our service men and women. If you have a loved one in the armed services, please send us pictures, stories, addresses, etc.. These may be left in the church office. We will be recreating a bulletin board honoring these fine men and women!

Thank you!

<u>WORSHIP SERVANTS:</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>April 4, 5</u>	<u>April 12 Easter</u>	<u>April 18, 19</u>	<u>April 25, 26</u>	
<u>Sound System:</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
Kathy Griffee	8:30am	Mike Rosenstein	9:15am	Dave Sell	Jan Baas	Doug Inskeep
970-535-4789	11:00am	Mike Rosenstein	11:00am	Dave Sell	Jan Baas	Doug Inskeep
<u>Power Point Input</u>		Stacia Keller		Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller
<u>Video Projection</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>Stacia Keller</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Stacia Keller	8:30am	Jason Irvin	9:15am	JD Sell	Marcie Mason	Stephanie Mason
303-961-2652	11:00am	Sarek Lee	11:00am	JD Sell	Marcie Mason	Stephanie Mason
<u>Greeters</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Diana Phelan	8:30am	<i>TBD</i>	9:15am	Bob Neb	Kathe Schelert	Harvey Jackson
303-776-8771	8:30am	<i>TBD</i>	9:15am	Pat Neb	Ewald Schelert	Marilyn Jackson
	11:00am	Donna Wallace	11:00am	Gloria Borchert	Pat Sharp	<i>TBD</i>
	11:00am	Diana Phelan	11:00am	Greg/Patty Harms	Duane Sharp	<i>TBD</i>
<u>Ushers</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Diane Sell	8:30am	* Ed Owens	7:30am	* Ed Owens	* Ed Owens	* Ed Owens
303-828-4435	8:30am	Curt Schroeder	7:30am	The Nehls Family	Jim Walder	Mark Johson
* Head Usher	8:30am	Joel Rothe	9:15am	* Gordy Wallace	Steve Freeman	<i>TBD</i>
	11:00am	* Gordy Wallace	9:15am	Mark Flowers	* Gordy Wallace	* Gordy Wallace
	11:00am	Terry Schemmel	11:00am	* Mike Hoops	Mark Flowers	Gary Grabau
	11:00am	Tom Wright	11:00am	Jeff Bonds	Jeff Bladt	Mark Datte
<u>Acolyte</u>	8:30am	Jillian Irvin	7:30am	TBD	Wyatt Prentice	Trevor Bonner
Nanette Goings-303-772-6269	****	***	9:15am	Jason Irvin	TBD	TBD
	11:00am	Tanner Brunkow	11:00am	TBD	Dakota Lewis	Lincoln Ell
<u>Lector</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Diane Sell	8:30am	Julie Knutson	9:15am	Tyger Penson	Carolyn Yanoski	Marcie Mason
303-828-4435	11:00am	Don Lee	11:00am	LaRae Schaff	Ann Hovick	Brad Steele
<u>Communion Preparation</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Joyce Heimbichner	before and	Ed Owens	9:15am	Harvey Jackson	Ed Owens	Harvey Jackson
303-772-2158	after 8:30am	Ethel Owens	11:00am	Marilyn Jackson	Ethel Owen	Marilyn Jackson
<u>Communion Servers</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Diane Sell	8:30am	Carl Backes	7:30am	Kathleen Chestnut	David Brown	Steve Freeman
303-828-4435	8:30am	Connie Backes	7:30am	Allen Chestnut	Jill Brown	Carole Freeman
	8:30am	Shannon Holstine	9:15am	Ewald Schelert	Michael Irvin	Bob Reed
	8:30am	Paige Holstine	9:15am	Kathe Schelert	Karla Irvin	Karyn Reed
	11:00am	Lauren Tway	9:15am	Tom Buckett	Steve Gunther	Allen Clauson
	11:00am	Nancy Tway	11:00am	Allison Buckett	Teresa Gunther	Jere Griffiths
	11:00am	Laurel Schemmel	11:00am	Rhea Hoops	Harlan Lerum	John Benson
	11:00am	Nathan Schemmel	11:00am	Carrie Hostetter	Linda Lerum	Nancy Benson
<u>Communion Clean-up</u>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Chris Goble 303-848-8121	after 11:00am	Ken & Hilde Lowry	9:15am	Miles/Arla Olson	Mark & Joan Flowers	Rob & Dawn Baas
			11:00am	TBD	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<u>Nursery</u>	8:30am	Sandi Buderus	7:30am	Brenda Spreier	Heather/Ben Gomez	Diana Emerson
Natalie Boggess	9:45am	Natalie Boggess	9:15am	Natalie Boggess	Natalie Boggess	Natalie Boggess
303-823-8683	11:00am	Rose Datte	11:00am	Cathi Brents	Mindy & Cody Gratny	Donna Smith
<u>Children's Church</u>	11:00am	Mary Konicek	11:00am	Kathe Schelert	Teri Hassa	Nanette Goings
Nanette Goings	asst	Zach Vece	asst	Elisabeth Phelan	Shauna Bladt	Dallas Holstine
<u>Office Volunteers</u>	8:30 - 11:00	Stacia Keller	8:30 - 11:00	Janelle Olson	Veta Hartman	Joan Flowers
<u>Coffee Clean-Up</u>	after 11:00am	LaRae Schaff	after 11:00am	Erin Ciccone	Julie Zumhofe	LaRae Schaff

FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS



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Fellowship Chair
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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wow! The support of the Lenten Soup Supper of this year's Lenten worship has just amazed me! I can't begin to explain the blessing it has been to witness the ministry of fellowship during these past few weeks!



I want to take this opportunity to send out a big THANK YOU to those of you who have volunteered your time to prepare the meals on Wednesdays! What a great time this has been to be able to get to know each other even better while we wash, chop, stir, and mix! I also want to extend this THANK YOU to the select ministries each week who take their time to prep and serve the meals between worship services! What a true blessing it is to have you give of your time and energy for this weekly event! And, we can't forget all you folks who have busily baked or supplied desserts for us each week! They have been delicious and we THANK YOU for your help!

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Do you like planning or lending a hand with social activities? Do you have any ideas you would like to share to make sure all of our FCLC community has the opportunity to be involved? Please consider joining us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at the church. Come find out what fun activities we are planning for the year, and let your ideas be heard as well!

SMALL JOBS

We've all heard the saying "*many hands make light work*". "Fellowship" and "committee" sound like "big commitment," but in the spirit of *light work*, if you can help us during a specific period of the course of the year or with "just *one* thing" event-wise, we will be able to offer many small, yet different, fellowship opportunities - making sure all of our congregation is able to get involved! *I can't wait to hear your ideas!!!*



SEDER DINNER

April 9th - Be a part of Wayne's crew!

Wayne Hubert has graciously offered, once again, to head up the cooking crew for the Seder dinner and Fellowship is looking for volunteers to help. We need help in several areas:

- Food preparation (9:00am - 2:00pm)
- Room set up (1:00pm-4:00pm)
- Dinner Servers/Kitchen Help (5:00pm - 7:00pm)
- Clean up (7:00pm - 9:30pm)

Any amount of time that you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sally Meier at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or 303-938-8680 to volunteer.

This is such a fun day, as Wayne keeps us hopping (and laughing), you won't want to leave! To entice you even further, lunch will be provided by Fellowship, too!

SEDER DINNER RESERVATIONS

Reservation cards for the Seder Dinner are now available! A free-will offering for this meal will be taken at the time your reservation is made, (suggested donation of \$8.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child to cover the cost of food). As always, seating is limited for this meal so please remember to reserve your spot early! Contact Tanja Nelson at Tanja@fclc.org or 970-219-2843 or Sally Meier at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or 303-938-8680 to volunteer if you have questions!

TIME AND TALENT:

It is time to update our volunteer database! Please prayerfully consider the following ministries where you will be able to use the gifts and talents God has blessed you with in order to be a blessing to others in our congregation. The Time and Talent Survey can be found in this edition of the Faith Communicator. Please place completed questionnaire(s) in offering plate or in the marked box in the narthex.

Time and Talent Survey

Dear Faith Family,

As my staff position here at Faith Community Lutheran evolves, I am adding "Volunteer Coordinator" to my responsibilities. I am very excited to help in this capacity! I absolutely love watching Christ's body working in this congregation... His hands and feet, (as well as His fingers and toes) are what keep the Spirit flowing throughout our church and its ministries. Just look at the growth our church is experiencing! What an amazing time to be part of this body! I want to first say, "Thank you, Faith Community" for your servanthood, for sharing your time and your awesome talents for the good of the members of our congregation and community!

Do you know that every Sunday it takes 80 faithful volunteers to make our worship services work? When you become a member of Faith Community Lutheran, you are asked to prayerfully fill out a "Time and Talent" survey, indicating areas of ministry you find interest in, or that you feel are best suited for you talent-wise. This information is used by staff and council to match you with needs that arise in specific areas of ministry. Please do not interpret this as, "You have to be a member to serve." We are ALL the body of Christ, and we welcome everyone to share in these opportunities. We at Faith are so blessed to have a wonderful population of faithful servants!

The needs of all of our ministries are growing along with our church. That being said, I am very aware that life situations alter: kids grow up, job situations change, time and health constraints vary, or new talents and interests are discovered. In order to make sure we are utilizing the gifts God has brought to our church through *you*, our congregation, I am asking that each of you fill out the attached Time and Talent form again. This will help us refresh our volunteer lists, and hopefully our volunteers, too! ***Please return them to the marked box in the narthex by April 19th.***

Thank you, in advance for taking your time to prayerfully consider these ministry opportunities!

In His Grace,

Tanja Nelson,
Volunteer Coordinator



Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Worship:

____ Lector

____ Usher

____ Greeter

____ Sound

____ VPU (Video Production Unit)

____ Communion
(Assistant / Prep / Clean-up)

____ Written Devotional for Bulletin

Education:

____ Lead Bible Study
(Adults / Couples / Children / Teens)

____ Teach Sunday School
(Adults / Children / Teens)

____ Assist in VBS

____ Library

____ Weavers of the Cloth

____ Health and Wellness

Pastoral Care:

____ Stephen Ministry

____ Share the Care
(Homebound Ministry)

____ Prayer Shawl Ministry

____ Pastoral & Church Staff
Appreciation

Stewardship:

____ Offering Counter

____ Budget Committee

____ Endowment Committee

Nursery:

____ Sundays

____ Holidays

____ Special Events

Music:

____ Music (Instrumental / Vocal)
(Group / Soloist)

____ Tech (Lights / Sound)

____ Drama (Perform / Write/
Direct/ Stage Crew)

____ Puppets (Writing/ Performing)

____ Dance

Fellowship:

____ Provide Food for Activities

____ Small Group Host
(Dinners for 8 / Singles / WACKY)

____ Soup suppers/Seder Dinner
(Cook/ Clean-up / Serve)

____ Organize an Event or Outing

____ Church Directory

____ Funeral Reception

____ Sunday Morning Coffee
(Prepare / Clean-up)

Youth:

____ Chaperone a Youth Event

____ Open my House for Youth
Events

____ Organize Random Acts of
Kindness

____ Wednesday Night Live
(Activities / Closing Worship)

____ Adult Mentor to a Teen

____ Workcamp—Adult Sponsor

**Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must
use for the good of others the special gift he has received
from God. - 1 Peter 4:10**

*** Please return to box in Church Narthex or
place in the Offering Plate - Thank you!**

CALENDAR CONTINUED!!!



Birthdays of the Month

April 1

Linda Lappin
Nancy Passot
Kyle Gunther

April 2

Bob Danos

April 3

Karen Odegard
Paul Andreson
Barb Borton
Kevin Palm

April 4

Edward Owens

April 5

Pete Seale
William Elwood

April 6

Ethel Owens
Glenn Knipscheer
Mason Spreier

April 7

Todd Penson
Sandi Vaughn
Lee Nelson

April 8

Steve Gunther
Mike Johnson
Mindy Parker

April 9

Jere Griffiths
Larry Odegard
Mike O'Brien
Chelsea Ciccone
Kylie Lewus

April 10

Cynthia Noble

April 11

Becca Schaff

April 13

Jamie Mendez
Paige Demosthenes

April 14

Darcie Ell
Timothy Knipscheer

April 15

Joe Audley
Sue Mesch
Tim Uecker

April 16

Ray Schumacher

April 17

Craig Chaney
Stephanie Brockman
Shayelyn Marshall

April 18

Diane Vinaske
Cindy Hansen
Alison Buckett
Antoinette Enders

April 19

Gary Yost
Trisha Stewart

April 20

Linda Thoman
Jaedyn Brown
Lana Johnson

April 21

Margaret Greene
Anna Mercer
Seth Brunkow

April 22

Otto Longhenry
Arla Olson
Lyle Luttrell
Kevin Ell
Toni Nehls
Freyja Woelfle

April 23

Ardie Sahl
Mike Cogdill
Steven Schumacher

April 24

Mike Stover
Paul Bennett

April 25

Robert Kaiser
Annie Cirbo
Will Venrick
Adam Konicek

April 26

Craig Hovick
Mitzi Storaci

April 27

Leroy Heidt
Ashleigh Bruns

April 28

Debbie Raemer

April 29

Eric Phelan
Sam Van Winkle
Ashley Owens

April 30

Daniel Meyers

April 3

Mike and Cheryl Johnson - 16 years

April 11

Tom and Allison Buckett - 28 years

April 14

Horst and Brigitte Hennig - 43 years

April 16

John and Nancy Benson - 32 years
Don and Andrea Lee - 21 years

April 22

Blair and Lanette Smallwood - 31 years

April 26

David and Donna Koehler - 39 years
Mike and Kelly Marshall - 23 years

April 27

Steve and Teresa Gunther - 24 years
Bruce and Denise Burg - 9 years

April 28

Dan and Cindy Hansen - 25 years
Ron and Denise Parsons - 19 years

April 30

Howard and Jolene Nicoll - 21 years
Michael and Erin Ciccone - 15 years

PROPERTY



Mike Brockman
Property Chair
msbrockman@msn.com



SPRING CLEAN-UP

We will have a Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm! We need lots of volunteers to get our grounds ready for Easter! We will be working both inside and outside (if weather permits)! Please contact Mike Brockman at msbrockman@msn.com if you can help out!



LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) began meeting in November 2008. The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is tasked with developing a long-range plan that will prepare and guide FCLC Ministries five to twenty years into the future. One of the major areas of focus the LRPC has studied to date is growth. Planning for growth will be important in the future of FCLC and will impact current and future ministries. As such, the LRPC to date has studied three major areas that will impact FCLC in the long term. This has included:

1. City of Longmont plans for Annexation of the area around and including the FCLC property. There is currently no plan for annexation but this is a real possibility in the future.
2. Boulder County acquisition of open space in the area of the FCLC property, and most importantly the plans for the property surrounding the church.
3. The City of Longmont's plans for extending Spencer St. to the North and potential impact to the entrance to FCLC from Ute HWY 66. There are currently no definite plans to extend Spencer at this time but the committee believes this will eventually happen.

The LRPC has researched and discussed the options for addressing physical plant growth. Currently the two options that appear to be a possibility are to expand to the north on the current property, and also the potential of looking into acquiring more land to the east and/or west. There is no real good option to expand the current sanctuary. Expansion on the current property would have to be to the east which is limited or to the north. The LRPC is not ready to make any formal recommendations at this point and will continue to research options and stay up to date on City and County plans.

The committee has discussed the potential of building a Columbarium on the current property and has appointed a sub committee including Bob Thoman, Roger Olsen, and Dave Koehler to develop a proposal. The first draft of the Columbarium Proposal is expected to be ready for review at the April meeting.

The LRPC has begun development of the long-range plan and has agreed to the format and structure of the plan. Work will continue with focus being first on developing the 5-year plan and then continuing to extend the plan forward to 10 years and beyond.

At the March meeting the LRPC set guidelines that will guide staff and ministry leaders in developing 5-year plans. If you have ideas or input on 5-year ministry plans, please contact the appropriate ministry lead and provide your input. This input will be rolled into the long-range plan and will help with addressing other parts of the plan including physical plant, staffing, funding etc...

When the LRPC has an outline for the initial long-range plan established, congregational meetings will be held to solicit congregational feedback. The timeline for this is still to be determined.

The LRPC asks that the congregation keep the LRPC in your prayers. All congregation members are also encouraged to chat with one of the LRPC members if you have questions or ideas.

The committee includes:

Miles Olson, Roger Olsen, Federico Ruiz, Jill Krantz, Dave Koehler, Scott Snyder, Bob Thoman, Linda Thoman, Brit Windel, Bob Danos, Ron Wormke, and Jeff Bonds.

Written by: Jeff Bonds

YOUTH AND FAMILY



Brit Windel
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SUMMER TIME

Is quickly approaching! Which means Camps, Sleeping in Late, Vacations, Sports Camps, and Retreating away from the world. We want to really encourage all of our youth and families to have fun "Under the Son this Year"!!! We wanted to use this issue to highlight some things going on this summer for the Middle and High School Ministry!

RANDOM D.O.S.

April will have several Random D.O.S! (Random Day's Out Somewhere). We will let the students know a week out to be ready to go and have some great fun, from random bowling, snow fights, movie nights, and coffee study breaks.

BELIEVE TOUR

May 1st -2nd

There is a Middle School event down in Denver called the *Believe Tour*. See a video of the event here <http://www.ciy.com/believe/video/>. This event costs \$75 which includes the event and hotel for Friday Night. This will be an AMAZING TIME of high energy worship, outstanding messages and awesome fellowship with students from all over Colorado. Sign-ups are up, get your name on the list or else you will miss out for sure!

WORKCAMP!!!

High School SIGN UP!!! This is one of the coolest events of the year we do! Tons of work goes into the preparation of this event for you all and it has been a great time every year we go. We want to take another great group of Students and Adults so if you want to really serve God and see people's lives changed then get signed up! Contact Sililo Woo Ching at swc258@yahoo.com or Brit at brit@fcllc.org.

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to Grow in
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with what's going
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Ministry*

SKY RANCH

This is an amazing week with Middle School Youth from all around the Rockies who come to learn more about God and fellowship with other young teenagers. We have the registration forms at the church for you to fill out. The deposit of \$150 is past due but you can still register with Sky Ranch for this great event. \$100 scholarships are available for those who apply!!! If you have never gone, now is the time!

June 7th-12th

Cost is \$385

Sky Ranch will also be at the *Outreach Fair* on April 25th and 26th. We would love to register youth and families for camp this summer! If you are in Confirmation and cannot make it the week FCLC is going to Sky Ranch, don't miss the fun! Come another week!

Are you a family feeling the pinch on the pocket-book, but want an inexpensive, fun and relaxing vacation here in Colorado? Then come to Family Camp July 26th - 31st and experience all there is at 9200'! We have daily worship, great meals, time to explore trails surrounding camp, the ropes course, horseback riding and rafting down the Poudre.

For those younger campers (first through fifth grade), we have several options during the summer for you also. Ask the Lerum children how much fun it is at Sky Ranch!

So stop by the Sky Ranch table and sign up for a life-changing time at camp! Brochures are also available through Brit.

WORSHIP...

Diane Sell
Director of Worship Teams & Drama
Diane@fcllc.org

SPECIAL WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSALS

- ♦ Tuesday April 7th, 7:00pm: Good Friday rehearsal
- ♦ Thursday April 9th, 7:45pm: Easter Sunday rehearsal (following Seder meal)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Will be held on April 10th at 7:00pm. This service always proves to be a moving journey to the cross for all. Featuring our Adult Choir, solos and musical groups, there will be plenty to take in and meditate on. We also will have a monologue by Mary Magdalene at the foot of the cross. This service seems to fill up quickly, so you might want to get there early for a good seat!

**MANY THANKS...**

...to our Lenten Worship team for faithfully coming to lead worship at both services in February, March and April....

Bob Goings, Susan Moller, Jeanne Ruiz, Dawn Baas, Tanja Nelson, Paula Moore, Larry Konicek and Pastor Dan

LEAP OF FAITH PRACTICE SCHEDULE: APRIL

Thursday April 16 th 6pm:	Band only
Sunday April 19 th 6:30pm	LOF Team
Thursday April 23 rd 6pm:	Band only
Sunday April 26 th 6:30pm:	LOF Team
Thursday April 30 th 7pm:	LOF Team

TECHNICAL TRAINING

Pilots needed for VPU / Sound / Lights operations during worship services. No experience needed! Easy operations! Easy training! Interested?

9:30am to 10:30am
April 19th and April 26th

For more information contact Stacia Keller at 303-961-2652 or skeller@crocs.com.

EASTER SUNDAY!

You can join us for worship on Sunday, April 12th at 7:30am, 9:15am or 11:00am that morning! Perhaps we can even stray from our "norm" that morning and fill in the pews from front to back instead of back to front? Our Children's Bell choir will be featured at the middle and late services, playing our call to worship along with our Adult Choir and worship team. This will be Pastor Bruce's last sermon as an official staff member at FCLC. You won't want to miss his inspirational thoughts on this festive day.

**...AND DRAMA****MANY THANKS...**

...to all who participated in our Lenten dramas this year. We had great feedback on how it enhanced the worship experience for people. The fruits of the spirit were in full bloom this season!

Love, Joy, Peace: Elizabeth Ruiz, Jordan Lind, Mike and Julia Rosenstein, Greg Moller, Dawn Baas, Diane Sell

Patience: Julia and Mike Rosenstein, Evelyn Weston, Wendy Kerr

Kindness: Greg Moller, Cookie Olsen

Goodness: Ben Woo Ching, Laura Lewis, Diane Sell

Faithfulness: Jordan Lind, Brit Windel

Self Control/Gentleness: Dawn Baas, Brit Windel

LOOKING FOR IDEAS...

...for next fall drama/musical for middle school and highschool! If you have something that you think would be good for us at FCLC, please contact Diane Sell as she begins planning for next Fall.

DRAMA CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Plans are underway for a drama camp to be held July 27th - 31st. Look for more details on this in our May publication.



CHOIR



Dawn Baas
Choir Director
Dawn@fclc.org

BIG KID'S BELL CHOIR



As you may know, Wednesday Night Live has a new "Big Kids Choir." But this isn't just any old choir, no siree! It's a **BELL Choir**. And it's a lot of fun!

The "BK Bell Choir" is scheduled to perform again on Easter Sunday at the 11:00am service. If any kids (3rd through 5th grade) are interested in joining, please come to room 106 on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. It is still not too late to join. For more information, please contact me at dawn@fclc.org. Thanks! Dawn

NURSERY



Natalie Boggess
Nursery Coordinator
Natalie@fclc.org



The nursery is still in need of a volunteer for the 11:00am Easter service! I could use an adult or a teenager to help out. Please contact Natalie Boggess at natalie@fclc.org if you would be able to help. Thank you! Natalie

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

We have grocery gift cards for both



And



Stop by the red grocery booth and purchase your cards on Sunday mornings for all your grocery shopping needs. They will be available between services. Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards and the monies from MARCH support: **YOUTH**

There is no extra cost to you. You buy \$100 of gift cards and get to spend \$100 at the grocery store. The store, however, gives FCLC \$5 per \$100!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Since we are over a year old, it is time to bring you up to date and be sure our new members are aware of our ministry. About twenty ladies at Faith Community knit, crochet, quilt, weave or sew prayer shawls. These are available upon request for you to give to any friend or relative going through a difficult time of any sort. They are a visible expression of Christ's loving arms around one's shoulders which can give great comfort. These shawls are prayed over by the group at our monthly meetings and blessed by our pastors before being distributed.

Since our first meeting in August 2007 we have made over 400 shawls and given out most of them! If you know of someone who would benefit from having a shawl please contact Marsha Tollefson at 303-651-2354 or tollys2@msn.com or contact Carole Freeman at 303-772-1949 or s.c.freeman@att.net. There is no charge for the shawls but we do accept donations for us to use in purchasing more yarn.

If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please come join us at our monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 9:30am in room 230. We share patterns and have fun too!

If you can't attend our meetings, you can still make shawls for us! Several gals do this and we so appreciate their contributions!

Thank you,

Marsha and Carole

WACKY

Hello WACKY (Without Any Children Kids Youth) TYPES! Its almost that time again... Springtime!... and potluck time! Our April potluck will be:

*Friday, April 17th at 6:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall*

People with last names beginning with
A-K please bring a salad or dessert
L-Z please bring a main dish

After dinner we will be playing Mexican Train Dominoes. If you have a set of Mexican Train Dominoes, please bring them with you. Please use the West doors to enter the church. See you there!

The Communicator

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!**Council****Executive Committee:**

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The mission Christ gave to all churches is to *"Go make disciples of all nations..."* Matthew 28:19



Mission Verse

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To set the burdened
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to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"
Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame,
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a
church that is:

- ♦ Bible-centered
- ♦ Prayer-centered
- ♦ Worship-centered with
blended styles of music
- ♦ Kid-Friendly
- ♦ Visitor-Friendly
- ♦ A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- ♦ A Model of "First Fruits
Giving"
(to various outreach projects)